



## Ronald "Ron" Bickford

December 13, 1934 - September 30, 2020

Ronald "Ron" Bickford, 85, of Grand Island passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at CHI-Health St. Francis surrounded by his family.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2020 at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Trinity United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary. Pastor Kalaba Kapundu will officiate.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials may be designated to the family with plans for donations to be used for improvements at George Park.

Ron was born on December 13, 1934 in Kearney, son of Grant and Dorothy (Chamberlin) Bickford.

Ron was raised in Kearney where he graduated from high school and from Kearney State Teaching College.

On June 3, 1955 Ron was united in marriage to Dorla Giltz. The couple made their home in Kearney until Ron found his first teaching job at Central City High School. The couple then moved to Grand Island where Ron was one of

the founders of Northwest High School. Ron was still actively substituting at Grand Island Senior High School at the time of his death. Ron started out as an Industrial Education Teacher then earned his Masters to help more students as a Guidance Counselor, and he taught Drivers Education for many years. Ron coached track, football and youth baseball. Ron refereed football and basketball well into his 60's. For many years Ron sold Real Estate and earned his Broker's License, with his last 20 years at Woods Bros Realty.

Ron kept busy with his memberships at Trinity United Methodist Church and the National Rifle Association. He was an avid gun collector that enjoyed hunting and fishing. Ron was a skilled woodworker and built much of his own home. He loved his family and enjoyed any activity that was time spent with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dorla; children, Rona (Jimmie) Jackson of Grand Island, Brenda Bickford of Lincoln, and Curt Bickford of Grand Island; grandson, Devin (Brittany) Jackson of Grand Island; great-grandchildren, Andre, Amaya and Aaliyah Jackson; sister, Jody (Paul) Londer of Kearney; canine companion, Brody Joe; along with a host of extended family and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, and granddaughter, LaToya Jackson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
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<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Service- Trinity United Methodist Church

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
511 N Elm St  
Grand Island, NE 68801-4599  
(308) 382-1952

# Tribute Wall



“ Ronald "Ron" Bickford

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Ron was always such a happy energetic man every time I seen him and of course with a story to tell. He treated me like his own and I never felt any different. He always looked out for me and made sure I was on the right track. Ill cherish him forever. ❤️

Jenny Kontos-Rieke - October 07, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Bickford.



October 05, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ I remember Ron (Mr. Bickford) when I was a student at Northwest High School. I remember sitting in his office sharing with him my career plans for the future. I was successful with my plans and have thought of him often throughout the years since I graduated in 1969. I will pray for the family members for comfort and peace.

Carolyn Voss Mills - October 04, 2020 at 06:44 PM

DS

“ Dora I am so sorry for your loss 😭💔 .  
I remember Ron being my drivers Ed teacher he was always so patient and kind ❤️👉 He was just a wonderful man. Please tell Rona and Brenda I feel all of your pain 🙏🦋

Darcy Spanl - October 04, 2020 at 04:23 PM

CJ

“ Always enjoyed talking to Ron at Senior High when we were subbing !

Cliff jewell - October 03, 2020 at 04:21 PM

FR

We were saddened to hear of Ron's passing. I always enjoy talking to him outside doing yard work as neighbors. We were neighbors for many many years. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all of the family. He is being received in God's arms now and we shall meet again. With love and sympathy, Frank and Phyllis Rivera

Frank Rivera - October 04, 2020 at 01:41 AM

LJ

We offer our sincere condolences and sympathy on the passing of Ron. Lyle grew up just blocks away from Ron and went to school with his sister, Jody. We have known each other for many years and last saw him and his wife when we visited Trinity United Methodist Church where they were greeters on that Sunday. He was an excellent person and shown so as he taught for many years. Lyle and Sheryl Shafer, Sunrise, Florida.

Lyle B Shafer Jr - October 05, 2020 at 06:41 PM